

**Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe**

**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MIAMI-DADE/MONROE**

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## Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

### CHILD AND CENTER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Coalition, along with its central agency, the County's Division of Child Development Services, and Coalition partners -- Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida International University (FIU), Barry University, and George Mason University (GMU) -- conducts a large-scale school readiness assessment initiative that includes the assessment of children ages 3 and 4 throughout the county who receive state-subsidized child care services (not including Head Start children). The Coalition has developed an integrated assessment system of using state-of-the-art technology to gather, organize, analyze, and develop child assessment reports. Information on thousands of pre-school children, both those receiving subsidized care and those attending public pre-schools, is available to authorized users for multiple years through the Coalition-sponsored GMU/FIU Miami Assessment Intervention Program Website. The assessment program also includes assessments of Centers that will be included in the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS).

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

State

### FUNDING CYCLE

July 1 - June 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	\$0	\$1,771,441	\$2,000,000	\$228,559
<b>Number of Children Served</b>	0	24,600	32,200	7,600

Cross Reference: Please see Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services, Child Development Services Family Services Program listing

## Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

### CIRCLE/TEACHSCAPE AND RELATED PROGRAMS

The goal of CIRCLE/Teachscape is to enhance children's cognitive development and to facilitate teacher's professional development. The study is designed for teachers of children aged 4-years old. The program is part of a five-year study being underwritten by the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, and the National Institute of Health. The areas of concentration for these classes will be classroom management, phonological awareness, building vocabulary, read aloud, letter knowledge, setting the stage for children's talk, introduction to written expression, and math vignettes.

The Coalition funds a Miami-Dade County Public School teacher to work with selected preschools to implement the BELL Curriculum to assess the effects of the language interventions on the language development, early literacy, and overall school readiness of pre-schoolers in the child care centers.

The Coalition also funds program direction and continued implementation for centers previously served through the Early Literacy Language Model (ELLM) program, which provided three Literacy Coaches and 216 one-hour coaching sessions with teachers, as well as 186 conferences with principals and directors. Implementation of ELLM is continuing in 33 pre-k classrooms (7 public schools, 13 Head Start, and 13 subsidized care centers).

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

State

### FUNDING CYCLE

July 1 - June 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	\$259,464	\$301,000	\$301,000	\$0
<b>Number of Children Served</b>	1,100	1,100	1,100	0



## Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

### EARLY READING FIRST

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Early Reading First, part of the Federal government's "Good Start, Grow Smart" initiative, is designed to transform existing early education programs into centers of excellence that provide high-quality, early education to young children, especially those from low-income families. The overall purpose of the Early Reading First Program is to prepare young children to enter kindergarten with the necessary language, cognitive, and early reading skills to prevent reading difficulties and ensure school success.

The Coalition has awarded the Florida International University College of Education part of the \$2 million, three-year grant received for this grant to work with five centers to establish centers of early education excellence in our community.

### SERVICE AREA

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Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

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US Department of Education

### FUNDING CYCLE

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July 1 - June 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

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	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
Total Program Budget	\$0	\$660,000	\$622,000	(\$38,000)
Number of Children Served	0	100	100	0

New program for FY 05-06

## Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

### INFANT - TODDLER TRAINING/CHILDREN'S HEALTH (I.T.T.C.H.) INITIATIVE

The I.T.T.C.H., implemented through a contract with the Barry University School of Nursing, provides training for infant and toddler caregivers at 20 selected child care centers located near the University. An early childhood specialist provides the training and makes on-site visits to help caregivers put theory into practice. A work plan is developed for technical assistance and developmentally appropriate materials are purchased for each classroom based on the results of the Infant Toddler Rating Scale (ITERS), which are conducted by highly-trained Coalition assessors. Specialized infant and toddler training is provided by a social worker with expertise in infant/toddler development. In addition, a full-time registered nurse and part-time podiatrist visit each center to complete health screenings and make appropriate referrals and follow-up for all children (birth to 5 years old) in the center. Fifty caregivers completed the specialized training and received a certificate of completion.

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

State

### FUNDING CYCLE

July 1 - June 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	\$0	\$760,305	\$800,000	\$39,695
<b>Number of Children Served</b>	0	650	1,300	650

New program for FY 05-06

## Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

### INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The Coalition's Intervention Program aims to improve the quality of care and education provided in Miami-Dade County child care centers serving children from birth to age 5. This program operates as a grant and collaborative effort with the Florida International University (FIU) College of Education and provides mentoring support and professional development to teachers, staff, and administration at selected child care centers. The Program helps each participating center enhance its environment, improve implementation of developmentally appropriate practices and administrative practices, and increase teacher/staff qualifications. The Intervention Program is overseen by a FIU College of Education professor (teacher/educator) in collaboration with a senior staff member at the Coalition. Each center in the program is assigned a mentor specialist who uses assessment results to determine improvement goals and develop action plans and associated timelines. Direct intervention at each center is then provided by the mentors through role modeling lessons and interaction strategies, individual and small group meetings, instructional videos, teacher and director self-reflection activities, and off-site observations of model centers in the community.

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

State

### FUNDING CYCLE

July 1 - June 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
Total Program Budget	\$1,764,228	\$2,381,478	\$2,500,000	\$118,522
Number of Children Served	16,000	24,600	32,200	7,600

**Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe****NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NEED)**

The Natural Environment Educational Development (NEED) program helps ensure that children with special needs are appropriately educated along with their peers in a natural educational setting or environment in Miami-Dade County child care and early education centers. The program has one full-time inclusion specialist partially funded through the Florida Children's Forum. Nineteen intervention specialists serve the 105 centers that participate in the program. The program covers 7,700 children age birth to 5 and 1,125 child care providers.

**SERVICE AREA**

Countywide

**FUNDING SOURCE(S)**

State

**FUNDING CYCLE**

July 1 - June 30

**RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY**

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	\$659,814	\$1,316,389	\$1,300,000	(\$16,389)
<b>Number of Children Served</b>	7,100	7,700	7,700	0

Cross Reference: Please see Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services, Child Development Services Provider Services Program listing





## Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

### QUALITY RATING IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM (QRIS)

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe contracted with The Children's Trust to research and design a Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) for early education and childcare centers in Miami-Dade County. The system will impact all children ages birth to 5-years old, their parents, and providers in early learning centers.

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

State; Donations; Children's Trust

### FUNDING CYCLE

July 5 - November 5

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
Total Program Budget	\$1,200,000	\$400,000	\$0	(\$400,000)
Number of Children Served	1,000	7,418	0	(7,418)

Cross Reference: Please see The Children's Trust, Quality Early Care and Education (Quality Improvement Initiative) Program listing



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### REFUGEE SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The goal of the Refugee Services Program is to promote economic self-sufficiency by allowing parents of young children access to quality and affordable child care while participating in employment services and adult/vocational education programs as soon as possible upon arrival to the United States. Part-time and full-time child care is available to refugees/entrants funded directly by the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement or through Refugee Services.

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

State

### FUNDING CYCLE

October 1 - September 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
Total Program Budget	\$1,280,000	\$960,000	\$1,000,000	\$40,000
Number of Children Served	233	268	270	2

Cross Reference: Please see Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services, Child Development Services Refugee Services Grant Program listing



## Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

### SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SERVICES

The Coalition's goal is to serve the child care needs of Miami-Dade County. Funding from the Office of Early Learning (formerly the Florida Partnership for School Readiness) allows the Coalition to oversee subsidization of child care slots for nearly 28,000 children each month, including nearly 22,000 children ages 0 to 5 years. This includes children enrolled in programs with 1,162 licensed and license-exempt child care providers, and over 400 family child care providers. The Coalition contracts with the County's division of Child Development Services.

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

County; State; Federal

### FUNDING CYCLE

July 1 - June 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
Total Program Budget	\$97,042,348	\$94,455,406	\$94,455,406	\$0
Number of Children Served	32,000	28,000	28,000	0

Cross Reference: Please see Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services, Child Development Services  
Childcare Program listing

## Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe

### TEEN PARENT TASK FORCE

The Task Force for Teen Parents and their Children, a collaborative effort between the Coalition and the Florida State University Center for Intervention and Policy, was formed in 2003 to examine the system of care and services provided to teen parents and their children. The Task Force identified the components of a quality system of services and made recommendations for creating an integrated the system. The 20 plus community organizations represented on the Task Force also defined five entry points for teen parents and their children, conducted a survey of providers in Miami-Dade, presented a report on their interim findings, and recommendations to the Coalition's Board of Directors. They are currently working on a document to describe a high quality integrated system of services for young families with recommendations for funders, service providers, and public policy makers.

Part of this effort has led to the development of the Young Parents Project, a pilot program coordinated with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for Juvenile Justice, which will include the provision of infant mental health services, parent education, and other appropriate services for 40 teen mothers and their children in the juvenile justice system.

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

State

### FUNDING CYCLE

July 1 - June 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	\$0	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$0
<b>Number of Children Served</b>	0	0	0	0

New program for FY 05-06

The number of children served is not applicable

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### VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK) EDUCATION PROGRAM

A constitutional amendment passed by Florida voters in November of 2002 required a voluntary pre-Kindergarten program for all 4-year-olds by fall of 2005. The VPK education program is designed to prepare 4-year-olds for Kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. The program allows a parent to enroll his or her eligible child (4-years old by September 1 and residing in Florida) in a free VPK education program. The VPK program offers eligible children 540 hours of education during the school year and 300 hours for the summer session. Private child care centers and school districts provide VPK.

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

State

### FUNDING CYCLE

July 1 - June 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Actual FY 04-05	Budgeted FY 05-06	Estimated FY 06-07	Change from FY 05-06
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	\$116,742	\$39,943,500	\$50,000,000	\$10,056,500
<b>Number of Children Served</b>	0	15,000	20,000	5,000

This program began August 2005

Cross Reference: Please see Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services, Child Development Services Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program listing

